

AMENDMENTS TO THE drawings:

Claims 10, 12, 13 and 17 have been canceled, hence no correction or amendments to the drawings are necessary.

Remarks

The Office Action of January 12, 2006 has been carefully reviewed and considered. Applicant acknowledges the objections to the drawings and the specification on the grounds listed. Applicant also acknowledges the rejections of Claims 4 and 16-17 under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph, of Claims 1-3, 5, and 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Fleischauer, and of Claims 4, 8, 6, 9 10-12, 14 and 17 variously under 35 U.S.C. 103. Importantly, Applicant acknowledges and is grateful for the indicated conditional allowability of Claims 7, 13, 15 and 16.

In order to place this application in condition for issuance as a patent, Applicant has made addressed the objections to the drawings and the specifications by canceling Claims 10, 12, 13 and 17 with respect to the drawings, and Claims 2 and 9 additionally with respect to the specification. Claims 14-16 and Claim 17 have been amended to address the grounds of objections therein. Applicant has also canceled Claim 8, and amended Claims 4, 11, 15, 16 and 17 in order to address the grounds of objection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

In addition, Applicant has amended independent Claim 1, to now include the allowable Claim 7 (incorporating amended claim 4). As such amended independent Claim 1 now has the same scope and limitations as allowable Claim 7 rewritten in independent form. Amended independent Claim 1 as such is now respectfully submitted as allowable. To avoid claim duplication, allowable Claim 7 and Claim 4 have been canceled. Remaining dependent Claims 3, 5 and 6 that now depend from amended Claim 1 as such, are also respectfully submitted as now allowable.

Further, Applicant has also amended independent Claim 10, to now also include the allowable limitation of Claim 7 (incorporating amended claim 4). As such amended independent Claim 10 as such is now also respectfully submitted as allowable. Remaining dependent Claims 11, 14, 15 and 16 that now depend from amended Claim 10 as such, are also respectfully submitted as now allowable.


Lastly, Applicant has amended independent Claim 17, to include the allowable limitation of Claim 7 (incorporating amended claim 4). As such amended independent Claim 17 as such is now also respectfully submitted as allowable. New dependent Claims 18, 19 and 20 that now depend from amended Claim 17 as such, are also respectfully submitted as now allowable.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application with amended Claims 1, 3, 5 and 6, Claim 10, 11, 14, 15 and 16, and Claim 17-20, are respectfully requested.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

A telephone interview is respectfully requested at the number listed below prior to any further Office Action, i.e., if the Examiner has any remaining questions or issues to address after this paper. The undersigned will be happy to discuss any further Examiner-proposed amendments as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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